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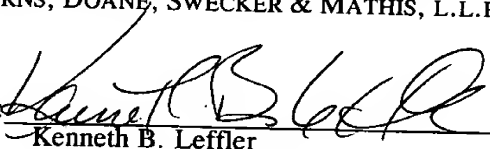
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**United Kingdom Search Report issued in connection with Application  
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Japanese Patent Publication No. JP11-183532, July 9, 1999.  
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Also enclosed are the following:

U.S. Patent No. 6,016,018, issued January 18, 2000, to Hasegawa et al.  
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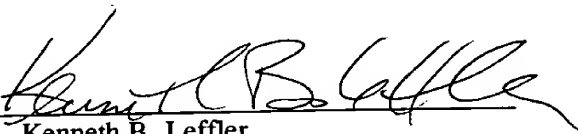
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